

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2186 - HB 2256

February 19, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Except when otherwise authorized, prohibits a person from selling, offering to sell, distributing, or purchasing any corn, soybean, or wheat seeds that are intended for planting and have been coated or treated with neonicotinoid insecticide. Specifies that such prohibition applies to conduct that occurs on or after May 1, 2024.

Such prohibition does not apply to corn, soybean, or wheat seed for which the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (TDA) determines, after providing an opportunity for public notice and comment, there is no acceptable alternative. Defines “no acceptable alternative.”

Prohibits a person from applying to or treating outdoor ornamental plants and turf, except for agricultural commodities, with neonicotinoid insecticide; however, such prohibition does not apply to a neonicotinoid insecticide for which the Commissioner of the TDA determines is necessary to manage, control, or prevent invasive species. Such prohibition applies to conduct that occurs on or after July 1, 2024.

Requires the TDA to conduct a study of the most recent United State Department of Agriculture Honeybee Colonies Report on an annual basis to assess the efficacy of the limitations on neonicotinoid insecticides. Requires the TDA to submit an annual report of its findings to the Governor, the Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the Senate, and the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the House of Representatives, no later than February 1, 2023, and February 1 of each subsequent year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The TDA currently have staff for pesticide inspection who can enforce the additional prohibitions created by this legislation.
- The TDA can conduct a study on a U.S. Department of Agriculture report, utilizing existing staff.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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